

SIXTH DISTRICT.

Red River, Titus, Franklin, and Hopkins counties; Titus the returning county.—William Jesse Swain, of Clarksville, Red River county, was born in Estill county, Kentucky, in 1839; came to Texas from Mississippi, in 1859; located at Clarksville, and was attending McKenzie College at that place, when the war commenced; entered the Confederate army as a private in Whitfields Cavalry Legion, in 1862, and served during the remainder of the war, and was promoted to the captaincy of his company; commenced the practice of law in 1872, at Clarksville; was a member of the House of the Fourteenth Legislature; elected to the Senate November 5, 1878, as a Democrat, by a majority of near 1500 votes over Hon. William P. McLean (Democrat), of Hopkins county. [The Senatorial Convention, which met at Mount Vernon, Morris county, failed to make any nomination, no candidate receiving the required two-thirds. Mr. Swain had a majority of the votes of the convention up to the fiftieth ballot, when the convention adjourned without making a nomination.] His term expires November, 1882.